

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) for projecting an image onto a projection screen, comprising

an imaging device (11) that can be controlled pixel by pixel and is provided for representing the image at a reduced scale,

an illumination unit (2) for illuminating the imaging device (11), and

a projection assembly comprising a projection lens (12) and provided for imaging the image represented by the imaging device (11) enlarged on the projection screen, wherein

the illumination unit (2) comprises a dynamic color filter (5) for time-sequential mixing of primary colors,

a spatial light mixing system (7) for compensating local differences in brightness distribution,

an optical outcoupling element (13) for coupling out a part of the luminous flux generated by the illumination unit (2) for illuminating the imaging device (11), and

a sensor (15) for measuring the intensity of the light coupled out by the optical outcoupling element (13), wherein the intensity measured by the sensor (15) is a measure for the illumination level of the imaging device (11),

characterized in that

the outcoupling element (13) is arranged in the illumination path between the illumination unit (2) and the imaging device (11), wherein the outcoupling element (13) is arranged between the output of the spatial light mixing system (7) and the imaging device (11),

the outcoupling element (13) couples light out of the light path on its way from the illumination unit (2) to the imaging device (11), wherein the outcoupling unit (13) couples light out of the light path on its way from the output of the light mixing system (7) to the imaging device (2), and

the projection apparatus (1) comprises a control unit which is used to control the color of the projected image by controlling the imaging device (11) or by controlling the quantity of illumination light in relation to the signal (I) of the sensor (15).

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to claim 1, characterized in that the control unit is also used to control the brightness of the projected image by activating the imaging device (11) or by controlling the quantity of illumination light in relation to the signal (I) of the sensor (15).

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 characterized in that the sensor (15) is a sensor (15) without spectral resolution, supplying a brightness signal that contains integral information on the illumination of the imaging device (11).

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the imaging device (11) is a Digital Micromirror Device (DMD).

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 characterized in that the dynamic color filter wheel (5) is a revolving color wheel (6).

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~the preceding claim 1~~, characterized in that the spatial light mixing system (7) is a ~~device, more particularly~~ a light mixing rod (8), extending in the direction of light propagation.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 , characterized in that the optical outcoupling element (13) is arranged in the illumination path even while an image is projected onto a projection screen in the illumination path.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 , characterized in that the optical outcoupling element (13) is arranged permanently in the illumination path.

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 , characterized in that the optical outcoupling element (13) is a semi-transparent mirror (14).

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the optical outcoupling element (13) couples out less than 5 percent, preferably less than 2 percent of the light.

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the sensor (15) is arranged in an optical plane which corresponds with the illumination plane (10) of the imaging device (11).

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~the preceding claim 1~~, characterized in that the corresponding planes contain an image of the output of the spatial light mixing system (7).

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that it further comprises a sensor optics (17) which is used to generate on the sensor (15) a reduced image of the illumination pattern of the imaging device (11).

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the sensor (15) is a sensor that supplies a brightness signal.

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the sensor (15) is sensor with a two-dimensional local resolution.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the sensor (15) is a sensor with spectral resolution.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the sensor (15) is controlled by means of a clock signal of the dynamic color filter (5) such that it determines the light intensities pertaining to the primary colors and possible color-neutral portions separately.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the intensity (I_L) of the light generated by the illumination unit (2) can be varied over time and that this variation over time is considered in the evaluation of the signals (I) of the sensor (15).

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~the preceding claim~~ claim 1, characterized in that the variation in the intensity (I_L) is based on a stabilization pulse (23)

supplied to the lamp (3) of the illumination unit (2) and that the change in intensity of the lamp (3) caused by the stabilization pulse (23) is registered and considered by the sensor (15).

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that it further comprises a shielding (18) that surrounds the sensor (15) and is used to suppress retroreflections (19) from the imaging device (11) to the sensor (15).

Claim 21. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that, in order to control the quantity of illumination light, it comprises a variable intensity reducer which is arranged in the immediate vicinity of the focal plane of the condenser system (4) or the focal plane of a focusing lamp reflector.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the control unit can be used to control the projected image during running operation of the projection apparatus (1).

Claim 23. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the illumination unit (2) comprises a gas discharge lamp.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) A projection apparatus (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that it is a rear projection apparatus.

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) A projection wall, comprising a plurality of projection apparatuses (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.

Claim 26. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling the color of a projected image of a projection apparatus (1) that is provided for projecting an image onto a projection screen, comprising

an imaging device (11) that can be controlled pixel by pixel and is provided for representing the image at a reduced scale,

an illumination unit (2) for illuminating the imaging device (11), and

a projection assembly comprising a projection lens (12) and provided for imaging the image represented by the imaging device (11) enlarged on the projection screen, wherein

the illumination unit (2) comprises a dynamic color filter (5) for time-sequential mixing of primary colors,

a spatial light mixing system (7) for compensating local differences in brightness distribution,

wherein an optical outcoupling element (13) is used for coupling out a part of the luminous flux generated by the illumination unit (2) for illuminating the imaging device (11), and

wherein a sensor (15) is used for measuring the intensity of the light coupled out by the optical outcoupling element (13), wherein the intensity measured by the sensor (15) is a measure for the illumination level of the imaging device (11), characterized in that

the outcoupling element (26) couples light for the sensor (15) out of the light path on its way from the illumination unit (2) to the imaging device (11), wherein the outcoupling element (13) is arranged between the output of the spatial light mixing system (7) and the imaging device (11),

the outcoupling element (13) is used to couple light out of the light path on its way from the light mixing system (7) to the imaging device (11), wherein the outcoupling unit (13) couples light out of the light path on its way from the output of the light mixing system (7) to the imaging device (11), and

a control unit is used to control the imaging device (11) in a controlled manner and in relation to the signal (I) of the sensor (15) or to control the quantity of illumination light.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 26, characterized in that it comprises an element of a projection apparatus (1) ~~according to any one of claims 2 through 24.~~